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REPORT

SUBJECT Observations [redacted] in the
Vicinity of Novorossiysk

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2. A three-page report on observations in the vicinity of Novorossiysk [redacted]

[redacted] Observations include the following:
naval vessels, merchant vessels, port construction, military installations,
and a large tug carrying frogmen, in the harbor of Novorossiysk; and, 45 men
and three landing craft engaged in landing exercises off Mys Penay (N 44-41,
E 37-53).

[redacted] a cruiser ten or
twelve miles to the north. She had twin turrets, each with three guns, on the
foredeck. She was surrounded by 14 small naval vessels which the aforementioned
eight joined. The report includes an annotated sketch map of the harbor 50X1-HUM

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1. Sighting of Soviet Naval Vessels near Novorossiysk;
2. Observations Made in the Port of Novorossiysk and Photographs of the Port.

2. [redacted] during a snow storm accompanied by strong winds, a small fleet¹ of Soviet submarine chasers and coastal patrols exited the port to conduct 50X1-HUM exercises.

3. [redacted] an unidentified submarine chaser [redacted] 50X1-HUM exited the port towing a target.

4. [redacted] a large tug exited the port carrying frogmen in their diving suits.

5. The following naval vessels were observed in port [redacted] 50X1-HUM

- a. Five unidentified submarine chasers
- b. Five MO-VI-class MTB subchasers [redacted]
- c. One T-43-class minesweeper [redacted]
- d. Five unidentified coastal patrol vessels, and various naval auxiliaries.

6. [redacted] construction work was halted because of bad weather. Behind the refrigerated building (point 1 on sketch 50X1-HUM below), military installations were observed, and ten military trucks were seen carrying bedding and soldiers' personal weapons. [redacted] there is a garage for military vehicles and small armored cars in that area. 50X1-HUM

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7. Four unidentified submarine chasers, [redacted] and a T-43-class minesweeper [redacted] exited the port [redacted]. When in the open seas, they met two small destroyers, 3 and sailed together in a southeasterly direction toward Tuapse. The four submarine chasers and the minesweeper returned to port [redacted] the next day. 50X1-HUM
8. Despite the prevailing bad weather, landing exercises took place in the Mys Penay (N 44-41, E 37-53) area [redacted]. Three landing craft and about 45 men took part in the exercise which lasted until [redacted] which time the vessels entered the Naval Base. 50X1-HUM
9. The following merchant vessels were observed in port:
- [redacted] tankers loading petroleum [redacted]
 - [redacted] vessel loading lumber
 - Four Soviet vessels loading grain destined for Europe and Africa
10. A large searchlight equipped with radar had been installed in the Ozeroyka (N 44-40, E 37-38) area. [redacted] it may replace the watch ships. 50X1-HUM
11. [redacted] the extension of the pier (point 2 on sketch) under construction measured about 150 to 180 meters in length and 100 in width. Approximately 25 workmen and four trucks were engaged in the work. [redacted] the depth of the water at the head of the pier at over 28 feet; alongside the pier, the depth is 24 to 28 feet. At the base of the pier there are cement slabs which are arranged in a way that they form a hump in the middle and slope toward the sea. Something appears to be under these slabs [redacted] because of their size, the slabs can only be lifted mechanically. At position 3 on the sketch [redacted] a ditch had been dug; alongside it were pipes with a 22-inch diameter. From the size of the ditch [redacted] only one pipe would be installed. This pipe will connect the Petroleum Pier with the fuel storage tanks. 50X1-HUM
12. The already completed section of the pier east of the Grain Pier (point 4 on sketch) measures about 280 meters in length and 40 meters in width. Sixty to seventy workmen were working on widening the pier; [redacted] the final width will be over 80 meters. Approximately 30 pieces of cement pipe were on this pier; they were 80 centimeters in diameter, and two and a half to three meters long. 50X1-HUM
13. There was no shipbuilding activity in the port. The small shipyard located at point 5 on the sketch [Sudoremont] was deserted. Three Soviet merchant vessels were undergoing repairs in the Eastern Shipyard (point 6); the floating dock (position 7) was vacant.
14. Behind the refrigerated building, work was under way to improve an area of about 150 to 200 meters by 100 to 150 meters. Some old buildings have been cleaned up and are being used as barracks.
15. The following Soviet naval vessels were observed in the Naval Base:
- Four or five submarine chasers [redacted]
 - Seven or eight T-43-class minesweepers.
 - Seven or eight coastal patrols.
 - Five or six auxiliaries.
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were outside the

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17. The Soviet tanker VOIGODON and
port awaiting their turn to load.

18.

[REDACTED]

19.

[REDACTED] the depth alongside the northeast side of the Grain Pier is just under 22
and a half feet. The depth on the northwest side of the pier was measured at
26 feet.

20. A small old-fashioned submarine was at the pier which lies between the Petroleum
and the Grain Piers (point 8). One or two of the metal sheets of the conning
tower had been removed. Men carrying "forms" (sic) were using this opening to
enter and leave the submarine.

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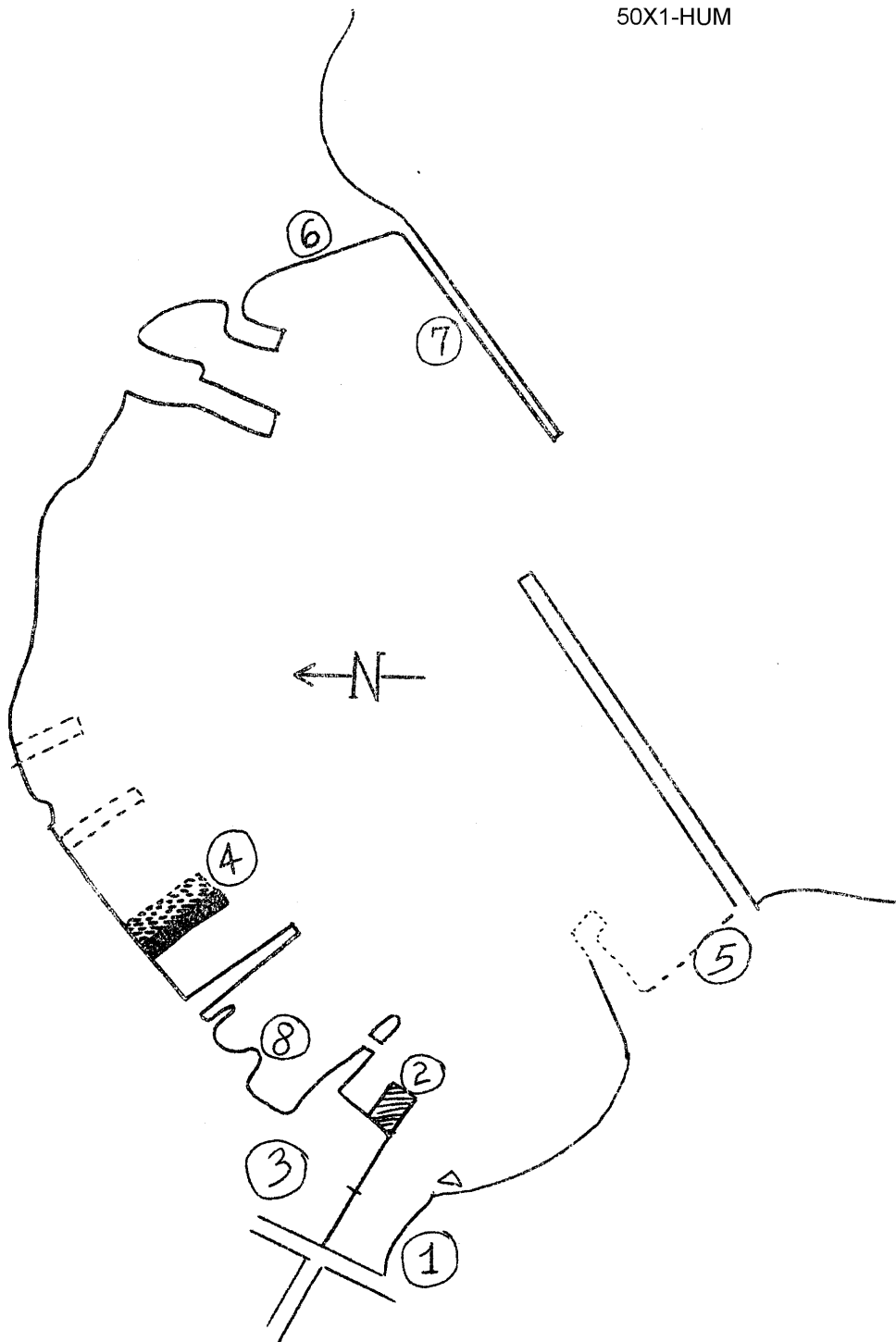
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